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THE MONTHLY PLANCHET

The Indianapolis Coin Club is a non-profit, educational organization founded in 1939 for the purpose of educating people of all ages in the greater Indianapolis community about the coins they presently own or may wish to collect. We hold eleven monthly meetings each year (presently at the Marion County Library Service Center at 24th and Meridian Streets) during which various programs of an educational nature are held for the benefit of our membership and the general public. All meetings are open to the public and there is no charge for attendance unless a person wishes to become a member of the club. Adult annual dues are \$12.00 per year, junior membership dues are \$5.00 per year.

ICC to Meet at New Digs

Beginning in July, our club will have a new home. The Fireman's Union Hall, at 748 Massachusetts Ave., has graciously offered to host our meetings at no cost to the ICC. This is a rare thing in this day and age, and we should express our thanks to them for their generosity.

In this new meeting space, we will have access to a kitchen and a generous meeting room. If we need a u d i o - v i s u a l equipment, however, we are on our own. If anyone knows of any sources that are willing to loan out this type of equipment when we have a need, please

contact one of our board members with this information. Let's make a good effort to practice good housekeeping at our new home, so that we will remain a welcome guest for many years to come. If we make it a team effort at the end of every meeting, it will be easy.

WASHINGTON, THE FATHER

By Liz Taylor

This Sunday is Father's Day, and the father of our country was a . . . Dad, and a good one at that!

George Washington may have been one of the greatest presidents in the United

States. He may even have been one of the richest and most successful plantation owners in Virginia.

He was married in the winter of 1759 to Martha Dandridge, a wealthy widow a few

months older than George.

Although their marriage was not a romantic love match, they were both quite happy and very fond of each

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Our next meetings are scheduled for **TUESDAY, June 25**, at the Library Services Center (24th and Meridian), and **Monday, July 22**, at 7:00 PM at the Fireman's Union Hall Building, 748 Massachusetts Ave. at College Ave., Indianapolis. Parking is available in the lot west of the building and on the streets north and south of the building.

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From Our President

From the Prez,

As of July, we will be in new meeting facilities at the Fireman's Union Hall at 748 Massachusetts, which is at the corner of College Ave. Parking is available in the lot west of the building and on the streets north and south of the building. I think you will like the place. The June meeting is still at the present facility, on the 24th, at the Library Services Center, 24th St. and N. Meridian St.

The meeting time remains the same, at 7 PM, with dealer tables available at 6:30 PM. We are back to the 4th Monday of each month, starting in July. Hopefully, this will bring back some of our members and dealers. In July, our board will be discussing the agenda for the remainder of 2002.

Jim



Secretary's Report

ICC Meeting Minutes for 5/28/02

The meeting was called to order by our past-president, Vinton Dove. The total attendance was 24.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read.

Dr. Gerth discussed the Central States Coin Show.



Treasurer's Report

EXPENDITURES

Newsletter Printing	\$31.41
Total Expenses	\$31.41

Net Expenses	\$31.41
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Balance in Checking as of 6-1-02 \$3049.43

Note: Last month's meeting income was not deposited during the month of May. It will show up on next month's report.

Thank you for your patience.

Doc Gerth will be presenting the showcase at this month's meeting. It will be about our nation's 100th birthday.

The featured presentation was a video about master sculptor Laura Gardin Fraser. The video came from the ANA and was ordered and reserved by our Newsletter Editor, Gail Phillips.

Gail announced that the winner in the crossword puzzle challenge was Allen Dove. There was only one correct entry.

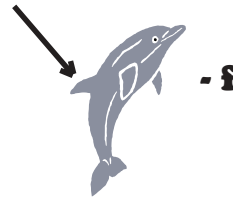
The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Kurt Miller.

Ohio-D quarters were distributed.

As of July 1st, we will no longer be able to meet at the Library Service Center. If anyone has any suggestions for possible meeting place, please contact our President, Jim Luckey.

Puzzle Page

THE SOLUTION TO THIS MONTH'S REBUS IS A YIDDISH PROVERB ABOUT OUR CLUB'S FAVORITE TOPIC. SEE IF YOU CAN FIGURE IT OUT. THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL PRIZE FROM DOC GERTH THIS MONTH! GOOD LUCK!



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Coin World Trivia:

1. The Bicentennial half dollar was released July 7, 1975 - where?



2. A numismatic bibliophile might collect what?



Answers elsewhere in this issue.



May Puzzle Solution

When and where is The World's Fair of Money?
 July 31 - August 4,
 New York, NY

Allen Dove was the winner of the May rebus puzzle. He won a dozen chocolate chip cookies for his efforts. Way to go, Allen!

THE MINT ISSUES THE FIRST QUARTER DOLLARS

by Bill Jones

If you took a poll of Americans and asked them what's the most useful coin today. . . chances are the quarter would be number one on the list.

Such a large number of our everyday transactions involve the quarter, that it would be hard to imagine the U.S. economy without it. Yet, in the early days of the United States--the quarter almost went the way of the British shilling.



The quarter dollar was part of the Spanish monetary system. The Spanish dollar, from which we patterned our silver dollar, was divided into eight parts. Each part was called a "reale," or a "bit"--and two bits equaled a quarter. That's where we get the slang term, "two bits."

In the early days of the republic, our founding fathers decided to divide the dollar into 100 cents. The law makers had little trouble deciding that the 1, 5, 10 and 50 cent pieces were appropriate de-

nominations--but a debate quickly developed over the coin that would be between the dime and half-dollar. Many people favored a 20" cent piece, or "double dime," because it was more consistent with the decimal system. Others favored the quarter because the Spanish "two bit" coin was already circulating widely in the United States.

This debate was one reason why the Mint issued so few quarters in the early years. The first 25 cent pieces were issued more than three years after the Mint first began producing other coins. The Mint made only a little more than 6,000 quarters in 1796--and after that, it didn't produce another quarter for eight years.

Today, only a few hundred 1796 quarters survive--and when one is available, the competition among collectors is fierce. The 1796 quarter may not have been worth its weight in gold when it was first made--but it often sells today for the price of a new car!

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*ICC Exhibit Night – Monday, July 22nd *

Every member is invited to exhibit their numismatic items – coins, currency, medals, etc., at the 2002 Exhibit Night.

This year, there will be two divisions (you can enter both) – U.S. and non-U.S. or World. You should prepare an informative, educational exhibit that is attractive and factual based upon your personal research and knowledge.

Cases will be available – you will need to let Coz know if you need a case for that evening. Cases are not required.

Awards will be for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in U.S., and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in non-U.S. All entrants will receive a participants' award, and, time permitting, you can show and tell about your project that night. The club members vote for the "peoples' choice" award.

We have had between 15 and 20 entries in past years. This year, we would like at least 25 entries. If you have never done this before, now is your chance. You will learn more about your coins and share your interests with others through your exhibit.

Mark your calendar for Monday, July 22nd.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!



KID'S CORNER



Excerpt from the June 2002 issue of *The Numismatist* -

Kids! You Could Be a Numismatist and Not Even Know It!

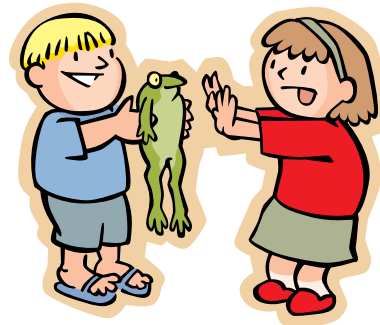
Do you ever wonder what it would have been like to have lived in an ancient civilization? To have shopped at an ancient marketplace instead of a mall? To have watched an ancient temple being built instead of a skyscraper? To have written on a scroll instead of a laptop? If so, you may bear the mark of a Numismatist.

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- SKATEBOARD
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- VACATION



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This program is free to junior members of the ANA, which is \$15 for a junior to join. To sign up for this program, you can also write to: ANA Education Department, 818 N. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903-3279, call (719) 632-3646, or email education@money.org.

Better hurry! there's a lot of time to make up!

Upcoming Coin Shows:

June 22 - Pentwater, MI. Pentwater VFW, 8440 N. U.S. Hwy. 31, Ludington Coin Club Coin & Stamp Show. Bourse Chairman Richard Heglund, POB 31051, Ludington, MI 49431-6051; telephone 231/757-9238.

July 27 - Pekin, IL. Miller Center, 551 S. 14th St. (1/2 block N. of Pekin Memorial Hospital, across from Pekin Park Lagoon). Tazewell Numismatic Society 8th Summer Coin Show. TNS, POB 696, Pekin, IL 61555-0696; telephone Dale Freidinger, 309/353-6178.

July 28 - Springfield, IL. Northfield Center, 3210 Northfield Dr. Central Illinois Numismatic Association Annual Summer Coin Show. John Corcoran, 1601 Maureen Ct., Springfield, IL 62702; telephone 217/698-8326; E-mail jtc1963@netzero.net.

August 25 - Terre Haute, IN. Hulman Center, 200 N. 8th St. Wabash Valley Coin & Currency Show conducted by the Wabash Valley Coin Club. Marvin Mericle, POB 3, Terre Haute, IN 47808; telephone 812/898-1260.

Coin World Trivia Answers: The Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis. 2. Numismatic Literature.

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This month's educational program will be presented by Jim Roehrdanz.
The topic will be Washington Quarters.
Don't miss it!

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day—but inexpensive examples are available, starting at less than a dollar. America's "Winged Liberty Head" dime was born a misunderstood child. In the end, the Mint withdrew the coins from circulation

and melted them into obscurity.

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